

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

MICHAEL VAN WINKLE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 1:23-cv-969 DHU/KRS

FANTON LOGISTICS, INC., CHEROKEE  
INSURANCE COMPANY, and LASHA  
KVERNADZE,

Defendants.

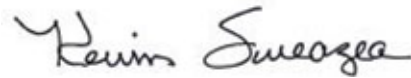
**STIPULATED ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO BIFURCATE AND STAY**

THIS MATTER having come before the Court upon the Stipulated Motion to Bifurcate and Stay Plaintiffs' claims against Cherokee Insurance Company, Inc., the Court, having read the Motion, noting that Plaintiff consents to the relief requested by the Motion, and being fully apprised, FINDS that the Motion is well taken and should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant Cherokee is bifurcated from the underlying personal injury trial. Proceedings against Defendant Cherokee are stayed until after a resolution of the personal injury trial.

A Protective Order is entered protecting Defendant Cherokee from discovery until the stay is lifted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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KEVIN R. SWEAZEA  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

APPROVED:

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